

Mayor Carl Kamm called the July 9, 2014, meeting of the Berlin Heights Council to order at 7:00P.M. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance were: Marshall Cade, Richard Close, Richard Eckel, Karen Foster, Connie Ward, and Bill Werner. Kamm presented the minutes of the June 11, 2014 and June 18, 2014 meetings for approval. Werner moved and Ward seconded to approve the minutes as written. All present voted aye.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Chris Esser appeared before Council to provide evidence of snow removal damage to his property. The Mayor tabled discussion until later in the meeting.

Lisa Beursken, representative from the Erie County Solid Waste District, presented some ideas as to programs to be implemented due to the removal of the large dumpsters throughout the county. The EPA has set goals to standardize recycling with the biggest push toward curbside pickup along with garbage pickup. They figure this is the best deal to receive fair prices for all participating. She stated that all dumpsters will be removed by January, 2015, but Matt Old a township trustee stated the township dumpster will be removed by July 15, 2014. The building, where the dumpster sits, has been sold and it must be removed before January. This is an ongoing project, and they would like the Village to join the Consortium for Trash/Recycle Services.

Bob England, Environmental Health Director, spoke to council about the need for sanitary sewers in the village. He stated many of the older homes, on very small lots, do not have working sewage systems, and therefore the sewage is draining into the storm sewers. He feels this is a good time to be working together to find funding sources that will make this project affordable to the residents. To get started he asked for a representative from council to work with the Health Dept. Council will consider the issue. Due to all the rain, he said there would be mosquito spraying if needed in the village.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Court fines for June, 2014, were not received from Erie County Court.  
The police activity report for June, 2014, was presented, and will be placed on file.  
The Pitstop Pizza will again host a car show on July 13. Main Street will be closed from 3:00-7:00 p.m.  
ODOT will repave the Lake Street section sometime in late September.  
Sidewalk notices were mailed June 26, 2014.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

GENERAL FUND	\$ 78,955.71	BILLS	\$12,223.22
SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 94,004.27</u>	PAYROLL	<u>\$ 7,486.93</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$172,959.98</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,710.15</b>

Close moved and Foster seconded to pay the bills. All present voted aye.  
Hoffman presented the 2015 Temporary Tax Budget for approval. Close moved and Foster seconded to adopt the Tax Budget. All voted yes.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Strickler presented ORDINANCE 2014-O5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, THE SALARY ARRANGEMENT FOR THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-04 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Strickler stated the new ordinance was needed to comply with Ohio Public Employees Retirement System rules, which now require payments to be made monthly. The salary for council members is not changing. Foster moved and Ward seconded to suspend the three reading rule. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Cade moved and Ward seconded to adopt Ordinance 2014-O5 as amended. In a roll call vote, all voted aye.

Strickler then presented ORDINANCE 2014-O6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY ARRANGEMENT FOR THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF BERLIN HEIGHTS, OHIO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-O5 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. As with the previous ordinance, Strickler stated the new ordinance was needed to comply with Ohio Public Employees Retirement System rules, which now require payments to be made monthly. The salary for the mayor is not changing. Ward moved and Foster seconded to suspend the three reading rule. In a roll call vote, all voted yes. Cade moved and Foster seconded to adopt Ordinance 2014-O6 as amended. In a roll call vote, all voted yes.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Street-** A dead tree at 13 South Street has been removed.

The County will return just before school starts to repaint the cross bars.

New catch basins will be installed as time warrants.

The state mandated new ultra reflective signs have been 95% installed.

**Park-** Trash bins at the park have been emptied into the large dumpster, and will be handled when cleaning the park in the future. Eckel stated the three tables he has been looking for have been stolen.

**Finance-** no report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

On June 18, 2014 council voted to correct an error on Ordinance 2014-O4, from a 3 mill to a 2 mill levy. It has now been brought up for discussion whether to adopt a renewal generating \$20,738.00 per year or a replacement generating \$28,009.00 per year. After a lengthy discussion, Ward moved and Foster seconded to amend Resolution 2014-R2 from a renewal to a replacement. In a roll call vote, Cade, no; Close, yes; Eckel, yes; Foster, yes; Ward, yes; Werner, yes. Motion passed. Eckel moved and Close seconded to adopt Resolution 2014-R2 as amended. In a roll call vote, Cade, no; Close, yes; Eckel, yes; Foster, yes; Ward, yes; Werner, yes. Motion passed.

A question arose concerning the lights on the clock, and the possibility the time on each face is different. Great Lakes Electric has it on their schedule.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Nancy Tittle, Zoning Inspector, has submitted her resignation due to medical problems. Eckel moved and Cade seconded to accept her resignation. All voted yes.

The Mayor spoke with Linda Phillips, Berlin Township Zoning Inspector, to see if she would be interested in taking over the job. If she is interested, a contract will be worked out with Berlin Township for her to act as our representative with a salary of \$500 per year.

The mower for the tractor is out of commission, and it will cost at least \$6,000 to replace. Purchasing a new one has been tabled at this time, and the Mayor will speak to the township about cutting the weeds along the road.

The Solid Waste Memorandum of Understanding consortium was again brought up for discussion. At this time there is no commitment to join, just to put a representative from the Village on the panel to help make decisions. Foster moved and Eckel seconded to sign the MOU and join the consortium. In a roll call vote, Cade, no; Close, yes; Eckel, yes; Foster, yes; Ward, yes; Werner, yes. Motion passed. The Mayor will attend the required

meeting.

The Mayor presented an estimate of \$432 to repair the village owned sidewalk. Close moved and Werner seconded to approve the money to pay the bill. All voted aye.

**ADJOURN:** 9:00P.M.

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Mayor Carl J. Kamm

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Attest: Sara Hoffman, Fiscal Officer